

ANNUAL REPORT

for the

Town

of

DANBURY

New Hampshire



For the Fiscal Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1997

THE BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST OF DANBURY THE DANBURY COMMUNITY CENTER

History informs us, according to the records kept by our ancestors, that prior to the 1800s, townspeople met in various homes in town, and also went to the Grafton Baptist Church of Christ. These townspeople, eighteen in number, realizing the need for a more centralized meeting place, voiced their desire to be dismissed from the Grafton Baptist Church of Christ to establish a branch church known as the Baptist Church of Christ of Danbury.

On December 19, 1818, a constitution was drawn up by James Taylor, Benjamin Judkins, Jacob Favor and William Winters. It was signed by all eighteen members.

In 1825, Ephraim Crocket was the first preacher. He received \$22.00 for his first year's work. Elder F. Colburn preached until 1831 and received \$24.00 per year. The worship services were held at various schoolhouses.

Later in 1828, the members of the church decided to have a church built. Nathan Leeds of Andover was hired for the job. In 1832, the church was dedicated by William Taylor. The pastor, Elder Peacock, received \$25.55 for a year of service.

On July 18, 1854, at a regular meeting of the church, it was voted to move the meeting house to a spot near the Railroad Station or to repair it where it stood. John Woodbury of Wilmot was given the contract to repair it where it stood for \$150.00.

On July 2, 1856, the Church was rededicated with an overflowing congregation. Before the sermon, a letter was read from David Winters of Georgetown, Massachusetts, presenting a bell weighing 819 pounds, complete with fixtures, to the church in honor of his father and the pleasant memories of the time he had spent in town in his early childhood.

In the year 1867, the church was dismantled and moved to its present location. The last piece was dismantled on July 2. The job was completed and the bell installed Thanksgiving day of that year.

In 1918, the Baptist Church celebrated its 100th year of existence. At that time, G. H. P. Perkins of Franklin presented as a memorial to his father Isaac C. Perkins, a lifelong resident of Danbury, the electric wiring and lighting fixtures which he had just installed in the church.

On May 19, 1953, the Baptist and Congregational Churches united to form the United Church of Danbury, and held services six months per year in each church building. In 1988, the United Church of Danbury decided that it was impossible to support and keep both churches maintained. The Baptist Church building was sold to Karen Dunscombe. She sold the building with the adjoining lot for \$19,000.00 to the Town of Danbury in 1993.

A Community Development Block Grant for \$350,000.00 was awarded to the Town in 1997, and the relocation and renovation of the building into the Danbury Community Center is underway, with completion expected in 1998.

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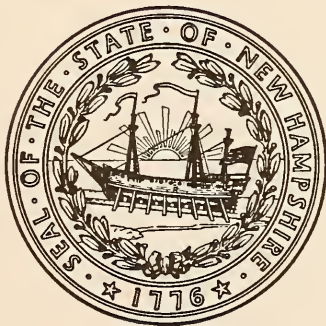
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
Lisa Moran

Town Clerk
Sylvia Hill

Treasurer
Christie Phelps

Selectmen

Steven D. Gordon
James D. Phelps
James M. Larkin

Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 2000

Tax Collector
Sylvia Hill

Deputy Tax Collector
Margaret Barnett

Chief of Police
Stephen J. Corsetti

Detective Sergeant
Dale Cook

Patrolman
Norman Daigneault

Special Officer
Jean Corsetti

Admin. Assistant
Christie Phelps

Supervisors of the Checklist

Louise Huntoon
Maizie Russell
Linda Sargent (appointed)
Dorothy McConnigal

Term expires 1998
Resigned
Term expires 1998
Term expires 2000

Library Trustees

Phyllis Wiggin
Jean Hayes
Mary Quinn

Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 2000

Trustees of Trust Funds

David Szacik
Debbie DeSantis
Sue-Anne Bourbeau

Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 2000

Road Agent
Ricky Moran

Auditors
Arthur Ford-resigned
Leo Zaccaria

Municipal Budget Committee

Jean Corsetti
John Lavorgna
Jon Schurger
Alfred (Duke) Reed
Donald Buebendorf
Carl Huard
Steven D. Gordon

Term expires 1998
Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 1999
Term expires 2000
Term expires 2000
Ex-Officio (1998)

*Representative to the
School Board*
Wade Heberling

*Representative to the
School Budget Committee*
Christopher Braley

Emergency Management Director
Andrew Phelps

Forest Fire Warden
Glenn Daniels

Merton Austin
Tom Austin
Debbie Daniels

Deputy Wardens
Lee V. Ford
James Fifield

Andrew L. Phelps
Robert Ford

Planning Board

Phyllis J. Taylor
Linda Wilson, Chair
Nancy Schoeller
Jon Schurger
Craig Campbell
Eddie Phelps
James D. Phelps, Selectman

Term expires 1998
Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 1999
Alternate
Alternate
Ex-Officio (1999)

Recreation Committee

Gordon Ordway Jr.
Dale Cook
Stanley Phelps
Steve Gordon, Selectman

Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 1999
Ex-Officio (1998)

Cemetery Trustees

Phyllis Taylor
Timothy Martin
Steve Corsetti

Term expires 1998
Term expires 1999
Term expires 2000

OFFICERS OF DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Lloyd A. West	<i>Commissioners</i> Robert B. Ford	Phyllis Wiggin
<i>Chief</i> Merton Austin	<i>Captain</i> Tom Austin	<i>Deputy Chief</i> James Fifield
<i>Chief Engineer</i> Lee V. Ford	<i>Clerk</i> Jon Johnson	<i>Treasurer</i> Sharon Austin
Jon Johnson	<i>Lieutenants</i> Jonathan Glines Glenn Daniels	Tammy Phelps

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

In August of 1996, we were awarded \$350,000.00 by the Office of State Planning to renovate, relocate and convert the Old Baptist Church into a community center. As you can readily see, this project is almost finished and the building should be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the summer. The day-to-day operation of the center will be the responsibility of the Danbury Workshop, a nonprofit group. Daycare services, clinics, senior citizen activities and recreation are some of the programs which will be offered to townspeople. There will be a public hearing scheduled for the second week in April to discuss this project and tour the new facility. Please plan on attending.

Last spring, members of the Recreation Department, your selectmen and a large group of interested citizens donated over \$1,200.00 to support a pilot summer recreation program which was held at the Town Hall. The program was a great success, due in large measure to the director, Diana Schoeller, and her able assistant, Jessica Cook. Please refer to the recreation report for a more complete description of last summer's activities.

During the past year, the town made two significant purchases which, we feel, will better equip the fire and police departments to respond to our calls for service. The Police Department purchased a 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4 vehicle, and the DVFD has ordered a 1998 Freightliner FL80 Crew Cab from Valley Fire Equipment Company of Bradford, NH. It is estimated that the new fire truck will be delivered to our department by late April or early May of this year.

Although we had to suspend the town's recycling program last year, we are requesting that the townspeople approve the purchase of a paper storage trailer to be located at the Transfer Station. By doing this, it is hoped that we can reduce our tonnage this year, and at the same time realize some revenue from the sale of newsprint and magazines.

On March 10, the citizens of Danbury will be voting on whether or not to adopt the Land Use Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board on January 22, 1998. This proposed ordinance "is intended to retain, protect and enhance the beauty and rural and historical atmosphere of the town; to protect property values; to conserve energy and natural resources; to prevent congestion, pollution and hazards; to preclude future costs of correcting unhealthy and overcrowded development; and to allow for adequate provision of services to and for the Town and its residents." The selectmen wholeheartedly endorse this ordinance and would hope that the townspeople would adopt the proposal on March 10.

Finally, we are grateful for all town employees, volunteers and other citizens who daily contribute to making Danbury a wonderful community in which to live.

James D. Phelps

Steven D. Gordon

James M. Larkin

1997 TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 11, 1997 - The Polls opened from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. - Election of Town Officers was held at the Town Hall.

TOWN MEETING RECONVENED FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING ON THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 1997 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE TOWN HALL.

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 P.M. by Moderator, Lisa Moran. Invocation was given by Rev. Charles Hibbard of the Danbury Christian Church, followed by the salute to the American Flag. Moderator Moran introduced the head tables which included the Selectmen, Town Clerk and Budget Committee Members. She then announced the Annual School Meeting date and time for the newly elected officers to be sworn in, as well as the Moderator’s Rules for the meeting which were as follows:

- One must be recognized by Moderator before speaking.
- One person at a time will have the floor.
- All debate must go through the Moderator, no debate between or among individuals.
- No personal attacks.
- No disorderly conduct or foul language.
- Moderator will read each article as it comes up.
- Either a motion to adopt or pass over will be made from the floor before any debate begins. If an article is passed over, it means it is defeated. Then will follow a general discussion or debate.
- Please state your name before speaking on an article.
- Any amendments are to be made in writing. An amendment will be voted on as it comes up, only one amendment on the floor at a time.

Moderator explained procedure for ballot voting:

- A tie vote defeats an article.
- Reconsideration is any article, after it has been decided, whether in favor or against, can be reconsidered after the vote. That means someone can move to reconsider an article. If the move to reconsider is defeated, it means the article can not be reconsidered again at this meeting. If we vote not to reconsider, it means the article stands as it was voted on.

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

The Moderator announced the results of Tuesday’s voting. There were 373 votes cast, a 58% voter turnout.

The following Town Officers were elected:

- James M. Larkin Selectman 3 yrs.
- Christie Phelps Treasurer 1 yr.
- Sylvia Hill Tax Collector 1 yr.

Sylvia Hill	Town Clerk 1 yr.
Ricky L. Moran.....	Road Agent 1 yr.
Steve Corsetti	Chief of Police 1 yr.
Leo Zaccaria	Auditor 1 yr.
Arthur Ford	Auditor 1 yr.
Donald P. Buebendorf.....	Municipal Budget Committee 3 yrs.
Carl W. Huard.....	Municipal Budget Committee 3 yrs.
Sue-Anne Bourbeau	Trustee of Trust Funds 3 yrs.
Mary Quinn	Library Trustee 3 yrs.
Albert Hopkins	Planning Board 3 yrs.
Mary Lyn Ray	Planning Board 3 yrs.
Stanley Phelps	Recreation Committee Member 3 yrs.
Danny Phelps	Recreation Committee Member 3 yrs.
Stanley Phelps	Recreation Committee Member 2 yrs.
Steve Corsetti	Cemetery Trustee 3 yrs.

School District Officers elected in Danbury:

Wade Heberling.....	Danbury School Board Member 3 yrs.
Ellen Harris-Gannon	Groton School Board Member 3 yrs.
Mary E. Campbell.....	Hebron School Board Member 3 yrs.
Jeremy Opitz	Danbury School Budget Committee Member 3 yrs.
William Gabler.....	Hebron School Budget Committee Member 3 yrs.
Edward "Ned" Gordon	School Moderator 1 yr.

All of the above officers were elected district-wide. In addition, Tony Tavares was elected to the Groton Budget seat.

Referendum #1: Petitioned Article: Passed in Danbury by 75% majority, district-wide, passed by 63.34%. A 60% majority was needed to pass.

Motion made by Mary Richards to consider Article 10 before any other articles. Seconded by Louise Robie.

Voice vote was too close to call, so a show of hands was done. **The motion was carried.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to enact a Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Ordinance as follows:

A person is guilty of consumption of an alcoholic beverage in public if:

- I. He:
- (a) Consumes any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any street, public place or public building within the Town of Danbury.

(b) Consumes any alcoholic beverage while in or upon any private land, building or place without consent of the owner or person thereof.
- II. Possession of an open bottle or container of any alcoholic beverage shall be considered prima facie evidence of consumption.

- III. For the purpose of this ordinance alcoholic beverages are defined in New Hampshire RSA 175:1 Section III and VIII.
- IV. Alcoholic beverages being consumed in violation of this ordinance shall be seized and held until the case is disposed of in the courts after which such beverages shall be returned to the person entitled to their lawful possession.
- V. Whoever violates any provisions of this ordinance shall pay a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense and a fine of \$100.00 for each subsequent offense.

A lengthy discussion ensued with at least fifteen voters expressing their opinions, concerns and asking questions regarding the above article.

Motion made to adopt ARTICLE 10, by Reginald Glines. Seconded by Jon Schurger. **A request was made for a ballot vote.** Since there were more than five voters in favor, a secret ballot vote was conducted. **Article 10 Failed by Ballot Vote:** Yes - 42; No - 58.

A motion was made to reconsider the article by Audrey Hudak. Seconded by Louise Vilandry. An explanation of reconsideration was given, the vote was taken. **The motion was Defeated by voice vote**, thereby the article could not be considered again at this meeting.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the **sum of \$422,456** which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles to be addressed. (Recommended by the Budget Committee - \$422,456; recommended by Selectmen - \$443,262). Motion made to pass Article 2 by Steve Gordon, seconded by Lynne Zaccaria.

Motion made to amend Article 2 by James Phelps, seconded by Christie Phelps.

Amendment #1 to Article 2: to amend the Executive Budget by adding \$6,000 for the purpose of conducting an audit as may be required with the acceptance of the Baptist Church Grant. After discussion and explanation a voice vote was taken. **Amendment #1 Passed by voice vote.**

Motion made to amend Article 2 by James Phelps, seconded by Charlotte Zaccaria.

Amendment #2 to Article 2: to amend the Highway Budget by adding \$12,000 for repairs and resurfacing for Walker Brook Road. After explanation a voice vote was taken. **Amendment #2 Passed by voice vote.**

Motion made to amend Article 2 by James Phelps, seconded by Lynne Zaccaria.

Amendment #3 to Article 2: to reduce the Solid Waste Budget by \$1,710 for dumpster rental. Unfortunately the recycling efforts have come to a halt due to the rates dropping for recyclables, and the cost to remove being in excess of the regular dumpster transfer rates. The dumpster rental being removed from the budget was for recycling. **Amendment #3 Passed by voice vote.**

Motion made to amend Article 2 by James Phelps, seconded by Jean Corsetti.

Amendment #4 to Article 2: to **reduce Article 2 by the \$15,000 in line item "to Capital Reserve Fund."** **Amendment #4 Passed by voice vote.**

Article 2 with amendments moved by the Moderator as motion had previously been made to pass the article. **Article 2 Passed unanimously by voice vote as amended, with a total of \$423,746 Operating Budget.**

The Moderator called for a ten-minute stretch break.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$37,000 to purchase a fully equipped, "duty-ready" 4x4 Police Cruiser as recommended by a three-person committee consisting of one member of the Board of Selectmen, the Budget Committee and the Police Department; and to authorize the withdrawal of \$18,800 from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose; furthermore, to issue a long-term note for two years for \$18,200, and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon. (2/3 ballot vote required. Recommended by Budget Committee; recommended by Selectmen.) Motion made to pass Article 3 by Steve Gordon, seconded by Alan Brownell.

Steve Gordon spoke to the article and said the three members of the committee were Steve Corsetti, Duke Reed and himself. An explanation of the process was given.

Motion made to amend Article 3 by Jean Corsetti.

Amendment #1 to Article 3: to change the article to read, "...to authorize the **withdrawal of \$18,200 from the Capital Reserve Fund** created for that purpose; furthermore, to issue a **long-term note for two years for \$18,800...."** **Amendment #1 Passed by voice vote.**

Article 3 Passed by ballot vote: Yes - 71; No - 16.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purchase of two rolloff recycling containers. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made by Steve Gordon, seconded by Jon Schurger to Pass Over Article 4. **Article 4 was Passed Over (Failed) by voice vote.**

Motion made to consider Article 6 at this time by Jon Schurger, seconded by Tammy Phelps. **Motion Passed by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$120,000 to purchase a new fire truck and to authorize the **withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund** created for that purpose; furthermore, to issue a **long-term note for six years in the amount of \$75,000** and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such note and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and to raise the balance of \$15,000 by **taxation in 1997.** (2/3 ballot vote required. Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

Fire Chief Merton Austin spoke to the article. After brief period of discussions, the question was moved. **Article 6 Passed by ballot vote:** Yes - 74; No - 9.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish the following disposal fees for the Danbury Transfer Station as set forth in RSA 41:9-a and RSA 33-B:1, VI:

Tires: Standard size:	\$ 2.00/tire
Over 15"	10.00/tire
Heavy Equipment	20.00/tire
Refrigerators/Freezers/ Air Conditioners	\$ 10.00 each
Sheetrock, Shingles & other non-burnable Demolition Materials	\$ 25.00/pickup load

Motion made to pass Article 5 by Steve Gordon, seconded by Lynne Zaccaria. **Article 5 Passed unanimously by voice vote** after being explained by Selectman Jim Larkin, with some questions and answers. Collection of fees will commence after the second person is hired for Saturdays as was included in the budget.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to be placed in the **Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund**. (Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee only in the event that the preceding article fails to be approved at Town Meeting.) Motion made to Pass Over by James Phelps, seconded by Eddie Luke Phelps. **Article 7 Passed Over (Failed) by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000 to **upgrade the computer systems and provide networking capabilities in the Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Selectmen's offices**. (Recommended by Selectmen; not recommended by Budget Committee.) Motion made to adopt Article 8 by James Phelps, seconded by Albert Hopkins. The article was spoken to by Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Motion made to amend Article 8 by Andy Phelps, seconded by Don Buebendorf.

Amendment #1 to Article 8: to amend Article 8 to have a committee selected to make a feasibility study of a computer system to involve all of the Town's departments. This committee is to gather necessary information and get a total initial cost, yearly cost and description of the necessary training. This study is to be completed by November 1, 1997 so that it can be included in the 1998 budget.

Several people expressed their opinions regarding this article. There also appeared to be confusion as to whether the intent of the article was expressed correctly. If the amendment were to pass, possibly the article could still pass. **Amendment #1 was Defeated by voice vote.**

Motion made to replace Article 8 by Andy Phelps, seconded by Twila Cook.

Amendment #2 to Article 8: to establish a committee of five citizens appointed by the Board of Selectmen to review the computer needs of all town governmental departments. Said study to be completed by November 1, 1997.

Voice vote was too close to call. A show of hands was done—still could not determine due to people putting hands up and down, so the house was divided. All in favor went to one side of the house; all opposed went to the other. **Amendment #2 Failed:** Yes - 28; No - 30. **Article 8 Passed by voice vote:** Yes - 30; No - 28. The Moderator gave the public an opportunity to express themselves if anyone had changed their mind.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote on the following: Shall we **modify the elderly exemptions** from property tax in the town of Danbury, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, (\$5,000); for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, (\$10,000); for a person 80 years of age or older (\$20,000). To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$13,400 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$20,400; and own assets not in excess of \$35,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Ballot Vote) **Article 9 Passed by ballot vote:** Yes - 42; No - 5.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept of behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises** made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. Motion was made to adopt Article 11 by Albert Hopkins, seconded by James Phelps. **Article 11 Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept gifts of personal property** which may be offered to the town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:95-e. The Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gifts, and the acceptance shall not bind the town to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of any such personal property. Motion made to adopt Article 12 by Linda Wilson, seconded by Jon Schurger. **Article 12 Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to **authorize the Selectmen to sell any material or equipment deemed surplus to the Town's needs.** Motion made to adopt Article 13 by Steve Gordon, seconded by James Phelps. **Article 13 Passed unanimously by voice vote.**

ARTICLE 14. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

- Tammy Phelps inquired as to the status of 911 numbering. The Selectmen replied that at this time we are awaiting approval from the State on the final map.
- Selectman Phelps read a recent article that appeared in the *Concord Monitor*

and publicly thanked the Blazing Star Grange regarding their community service awards—1st in New Hampshire; 3rd nationwide.

- Leo Zaccaria (although not physically present) was also publicly thanked for his leadership and participation in the Danbury Workshop receiving the grant for renovating the Baptist Church building.
- Selectman Phelps also announced that the Town is currently working with the State to obtain property deemed surplus to the State that would be beneficial to the Town. The parcels are the old wood yard across from the Baptist Church building in the center of town, the old station area adjoining it and Route 4 including the rail bed, and the old South Danbury Railroad Station opposite the South Danbury Church. The areas in the center of town are a possible future site for safety services such as the Fire Department, Police Department, and FAST Squad. There is no planned use of the South Danbury site at this time.
- Danbury is in danger of losing Daffodil Day since the departure of Carol Ogmundson as a teacher at the elementary school. A meeting is planned for Friday night; the public is encouraged to attend.
- Annual School District Meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 21st at the NRHS gymnasium. The public is strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Motion was made to adjourn by Steve Gordon, seconded by James Larkin.

All voted in favor.

DANBURY'S 1997 TOWN MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:07 P.M.

The above is a certified copy of the minutes of Danbury's 1997 Annual Town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

DANBURY TOWN WARRANT

The polls will be open from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Danbury in the County of Merrimack in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Danbury on Tuesday, the 10th of March next, at eleven A.M. of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following issues:

1. To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

Town Meeting to reconvene with
Business Meeting, Thursday, March 12, 1998 at 7:00 P.M.
at the Danbury Town Hall

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$485,272.00 which represents the operating budget. Said sum does not include special articles to be addressed. (Recommended by Budget Committee - \$485,272.00; recommended by Selectmen - \$484,405.00.)
3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,700.00 to purchase surplus State-owned land abutting the railroad tracks. Purchase price equals \$4,200.00 with \$500.00 being added for administrative costs. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a suitable site for a new Highway Garage and the development of the same; and to authorize a five member committee, appointed by the Selectmen, to locate said site. (Recommended by Selectmen; not recommended by Budget Committee.)
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a paper storage trailer to be located at the Transfer Station. (Recommended by Selectmen; not recommended by Budget Committee.)
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 to provide health insurance for the full-time employees of the Town, and to further authorize the Selectmen to continue insurance coverage until next annual Town Meeting with any 1999 costs being included in the Fiscal Year 1999 Budget. Further, if approved, the article will show on the 1999 budget under the 01-4155 account titled Employee Benefits. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for property assessment. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,410.00 for the purchase of Topographic and Wetlands Map Overlays. (Recom-

mended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)

9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for the purchase and installation of road signs. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
11. To see if the Town will vote to expend the sum of \$4,295.00 on video monitoring equipment to be installed in the Police Department cruiser, said monies to be expended from 1997 Unreserved Fund Balance; and to further authorize the application for 50% funding of this article from the Federal Highway Safety Committee. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend, on behalf of the Town, monies from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of New Hampshire as reimbursement in the amount of 87.5% of the total cost incurred by the Town in relation to the 1998 January ice storm.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 to be used for the cleanup of damage caused by the 1998 January ice storm. This amount will be offset by an 87.5% reimbursement by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of New Hampshire. This will cover work already performed and work which will need to be completed in the spring. (Recommended by Selectmen; not recommended by Budget Committee.)
14. To see if the Town will vote to modify the Section 218 agreement currently held with the State of New Hampshire to reflect changes made to the Social Security Independence and Program Act of 1994 which raised the exclusion for election workers to less than \$1,000.00 annually for services performed by election workers for the Town of Danbury. This would exclude election workers from having to have Social Security and Medicare deductions taken from their pay.
15. To establish a Capital Reserve Fund for Records Preservation and authorize the Selectmen to disburse funds without further action at Town Meeting.
16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000.00 to be placed in the Records Preservation Capital Reserve Fund. (Recommended by Selectmen; recommended by Budget Committee.)
17. Pursuant to RSA 39:3, to see if the Town will vote the passage of this article to resolve to publicly express its outrage and dismay at the State of New Hampshire, the Governor, the Governor's Council and the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) for the lack of due process and notice for the erection of a 180-foot tower at the

summit of Mount Kearsarge, the disregard for the scenic and aesthetic values consistent with the use of public park land; and the selling of public resources for commercial use under the guise of police and public safety, and the betrayal of the public trust.

18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, until rescinded, to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.
19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, until rescinded, to accept gifts of personal property which may be offered to the Town for any public purpose, pursuant to RSA 31:93-e. The Selectmen must hold a public hearing before accepting such gifts, and the acceptance shall not bind the Town to raise, appropriate or expend any public funds for the operation, maintenance, repair or replacement of any such personal property.
20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, until rescinded, to sell any material or equipment deemed surplus to the Town's needs.
21. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given unto our hands this 23rd day of February, 1998.

Selectmen of Danbury,
James D. Phelps, Chairman
Stephen D. Gordon
James M. Larkin

BUDGET

	Actual Appropriations 1997	Actual Expenditures 1997	Selectmen's Recommended Budget Ensuing Fiscal Year 1998	Not Recommended	Budget Committee Recommended Ensuing Fiscal Year 1998	Not Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT						
Executive	\$ 28,941	\$ 23,871	\$ 28,881		\$ 28,881	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9,105	9,282	12,385		12,385	
Financial Administration	15,145	13,614	15,635		15,635	
Revaluation of Property			3,000		3,000	
Legal Expense	1,000	60	1,500		1,500	
Personnel Administration	12,525	10,556	12,700		10,700	2,000
Planning and Zoning	1,140	357	1,630		1,430	200
General Government Buildings	4,550	4,799	4,850		7,350	(2,500)
Cemeteries	2,800	2,800	3,300		3,300	
Insurance	14,000	12,788	12,000		12,300	(300)
Advertising and Regional Associations	5,473	5,472	6,039		6,039	
Other General Government			3,410		3,410	
PUBLIC SAFETY						
Police	39,206	33,331	36,912		40,412	(1,500)
Ambulance	5,070	5,070	4,800		5,070	(270)
Fire	15,980	16,104	15,980		16,200	(220)
Emergency Management	251	615	251		1,000	(749)
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS						
Administration - Highways and Streets	161,852	171,110	187,622	(2,982)	185,970	(1,330)
Street Lighting & Other	4,400	3,796	4,400		4,400	
SANITATION						
Solid Waste Disposal & Cleanup	50,357	49,974	64,464		64,464	
HEALTH						
Administration-Pest Control	2,000	1,934	2,500		2,500	

Health Agencies and Hospitals	6,269	6,130	6,335	6,335	
WELFARE					
Administration & Direct Assistance	1,000	259	1,000	1,000	
CULTURE AND RECREATION					
Parks and Recreation	6,275	7,139	8,750	7,930	700
Library	4,070	4,227	4,270	4,270	
Patriotic Purposes	400	286	400	400	
Other Culture and Recreation	350	350	350	350	
DEBT SERVICE					
Principal of Long-term Bonds & Notes	25,336	25,336	39,100	39,100	
Interest - Long-term Bonds & Notes	3,251	3,251	3,351	3,351	
Interest -Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000	-0-	3,000	3,000	
CAPITAL OUTLAY					
Land			19,700	4,700	15,000
Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment	164,000	42,440	9,295	4,295	5,000
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT					
Improvements Other Than Buildings			5,000	5,000	
To Capital Projects Fund			2,000	2,000	
To Capital Reserve Fund			1,000	1,000	
MISCELLANEOUS					
Warrant Article #6-Medical Insurance			8,500	8,500	
Warrant Article #13-FEMA			40,000		40,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$587,746</u>	<u>\$454,951</u>	<u>\$576,310</u>	<u>\$517,177</u>	<u>\$ 56,031</u>

BUDGET

	Estimated Revenues 1997	Actual Revenues 1997	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Fiscal Year 1998
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,089	\$ 4,000
Resident Taxes	5,400	5,900	5,000
Yield Taxes	8,000	15,125	15,000
Boat Taxes	200		
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000	39,041	25,000
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
Business Licenses and Permits - UCC	500	778	500
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	70,000	90,234	80,000
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	800	2,383	1,000
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	22,507	20,346	21,458
Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		9,948	9,908
Highway Block Grant	102,854	105,728	101,470
Flood Control Reimbursement		1,511	26,250
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Departments	5,000	6,846	6,000
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Property		20,856	20,000
Other	2,000	2,747	2,000

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS	
From Trust and Agency Funds	50,100
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	20,315
Proc. from Long-term Notes & Bonds	1,650
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Selectmen	Budget Committee
Recommended	\$ 536,810	\$ 516,677
Individual Warrant Articles	48,500	8,500
Total Appropriations Recommended	585,310	526,177
Less Amount of Estimated Revenues	320,886	320,886
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$ 264,424	\$ 205,231

DANBURY BUDGET COMMITTEE
1997 Annual Report

The Danbury Budget Committee has spend a considerable number of hours over the past year looking at the 1997 budgets and 1998 Department requests and Selectmen’s recommendations. We held a Public Hearing on February 12, 1998 to discuss our recommendations. We have tried to consider the needs of the various Departments and the future needs of the Town, and to recommend a budget that we feel fulfills these requirements with the current resources available. We hope that you will support our recommendations at Town Meeting.

The Danbury Budget Committee holds regular meetings on the second Thursday each month from April through September, and weekly Thursday meetings October through February. These meetings are open to the public, and your attendance and input at these meetings would be greatly appreciated. It is our goal to present you with a budget that reflects the type of community in which you wish to live. We hope that we have accomplished this goal.

If you have any questions regarding the Committee’s recommendations, please feel free to contact any member of the Committee.

- Jean Corsetti, Chairman term expires 1998
- John LaVorgna term expires 1998
- Alfred (Duke) Reed term expires 1999
- Jon Schurger term expires 1999
- Don Buebendorf term expires 2000
- Carl Huard term expires 2000

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
LAND		
Current Use Land	\$ 1,200,381.00	\$ 1,088,663.00
Conservation Restriction	-0-	-0-
Other Land	14,292,218.00	13,302,538.00
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TOTAL OF TAXABLE LAND	\$ 15,492,599.00	\$ 14,391,201.00
 BUILDINGS		
Residential	\$ 24,054,206.00	24,864,355.00
Manufactured Housing	1,122,879.00	1,148,388.00
Commercial/Industrial	841,273.00	890,372.00
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TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$ 25,968,358.00	\$ 26,903,115.00
 PUBLIC UTILITIES		
Electric	799,939.00	799,939.00
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TOTAL OF UTILITIES	\$ 799,939.00	\$ 799,939.00
 TOTAL VALUATION		
BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	\$ 41,646,266.00	\$ 42,094,255.00
Elderly Exemptions Allowed	-300,899.00	-320,000.00
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NET VALUATION	\$ 41,345,367.00	\$ 41,774,255.00
 TAX COMMITMENT ANALYSIS		
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$ 1,148,310.00	\$ 1,245,272.00
Less War Service Credits	-14,400.00	\$ -14,200.00
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TOTAL TAX COMMITMENT	\$ 1,133,910.00	\$ 1,231,072.00
 TAX RATE		
Town	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.23
County	2.08	2.28
School District	23.77	25.38
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MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	\$ 28.04	\$ 29.89

TAX RATE COMPUTATION

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1997</u>
Total Town Appropriations	\$ 477,198.00	\$ 587,746.00
Total Revenues and Credits	403,218.00	494,763.00
Net Town Appropriations	89,695.00	92,983.00
Net School Assessment	975,383.00	1,057,191.00
County Tax Assessment	85,232.00	95,098.00
Total of Town, School and County	\$1,148,310.00	\$ 1,245,272.00
Add War Service Credits/Overlay	-14,400.00	-14,200.00
Property Taxes to be Raised	\$1,133,910.00	\$ 1,231,072.00

PROOF OF TAX RATE COMPUTATION

Valuation (\$41,661,829) x Tax Rate (\$29.89) = \$1,245,272
\$1,245,272 = Property Taxes to be Raised

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT
OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
Year ending December 31, 1997

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Appropriation	Expenditures	Unexpended	
			Balance	Overdraft
Executive	\$ 28,941.00	\$ 23,871.13	\$ 5,069.87	
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	9,105.00	9,282.29		177.29
Financial Administration	15,145.00	13,613.81	1,531.19	
Legal Expenses	1,000.00	60.00	940.00	
Personnel Administration	12,525.00	8,946.46	3,578.54	
Planning & Zoning	1,140.00	357.08	782.92	
General Government Buildings	4,550.00	4,799.12		249.12
Cemeteries	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00	
Insurance	14,000.00	12,787.73	1,212.27	
Regional Associations	4,473.00	4,372.09	0.91	
Police Department	39,206.00	33,331.34	5,874.66	
Ambulance	5,070.00	5,070.00	0.00	
Fire Department	15,980.00	16,103.65		123.65
Emergency Management	1.00	0.00	1.00	
Forest Fire Control	250.00	614.72		364.72
Highways & Streets	161,852.00	171,109.81		9,257.81
Street Lighting	4,400.00	3,795.94	604.06	
Solid Waste Disposal	50,357.00	49,974.09	382.91	
Animal Control	2,000.00	1,933.51	66.49	
Health Agencies/FAST Squad	6,269.00	6,129.50	139.50	
Welfare	1,000.00	259.13	740.87	
Parks & Recreation	6,275.00	7,139.04		884.04
Library	4,070.00	4,227.09		157.09
Patriotic Purposes	400.00	285.60	114.40	
Senior Citizen Programs	350.00	350.00	0.00	
Long-term Notes	25,336.00	25,336.00	0.00	
Interest on Long-term Notes	3,251.00	3,251.16		0.16
Tax Anticipation Notes	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	
Cruiser Purchase	37,000.00	36,841.24	158.76	
Fire Truck Purchase	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00	
Computer Update	7,000.00	5,598.00	1,401.60	
TOTALS	\$587,746.00	\$453,339.53	\$145,599.95	\$ 11,193.88

UNEXPENDED BALANCE:

Unexpended Balances	\$ 145,599.95
Less Overdrafts	<u>11,193.88</u>
TOTAL UNEXPENDED BALANCE	\$ 134,406.07

SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNTS as of December 31, 1997

COMMON TRUST - Cemeteries

Beginning Balance		\$ 33,762.69
Income		
New Funds	150.00	
Interest	1,863.59	
Expense		
Maintenance	1,400.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 34,396.28

PARSONAGE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 309.10
Income		
Interest	9.19	
Expenses		
Danbury Christian Church (1996)	3.03	
Danbury Christian Church (1997)	3.06	
United Church of Danbury (1996)	3.03	
United Church of Danbury (1997)	3.06	
S. Danbury Christian Church (1996)	3.03	
S. Danbury Christian Church (1997)	3.06	
Ending Balance		\$ 300.02

FOREST FIRE EQUIPMENT

Beginning Balance		\$ 3,208.28
Income		
Interest	97.86	
Ending Balance		\$ 3,306.14

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 548.07
Income		
Interest	16.72	
Ending Balance		\$ 564.79

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Beginning Balance		\$ 18,592.15
Income		
Interest	598.91	
Expense		
Cruiser	18,200.00	
Ending Balance		\$ 991.05

BRIDGE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 16,882.22
Income		
Interest	594.54	
Expense		
Repairs	715.50	
Ending Balance		\$ 16,761.26

FIRE TRUCK FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 30,636.01
Income		
Interest	1,173.28	
Ending Balance		\$ 31,809.29

Respectfully submitted,
Trustees of Trust Funds
Sue-Anne Bourbeau
Debbie DeSantis
Dave Szacik

TREASURER'S REPORT

for Year Ending December 31, 1997

TOWN CLERK INCOME

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 87,619.00
Motor Vehicle Title Fees	390.00
Municipal Agent Fees	2,205.00
Vital Statistics	515.00
Dog Licenses	1,514.50
Dog License Late Fees	83.00
Election Filing Fees	13.00
UCC Tax Fees	763.00
Federal Tax Lien	15.00
Miscellaneous Charges	432.40

TOTAL TOWN CLERK		\$ 93,549.90
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TAX COLLECTOR INCOME

Property Taxes	\$1,302,238.65
Property Tax Interest	15,655.94
Resident Taxes	5,600.00
Yield Taxes	15,125.48
Redemptions	112,112.07
Redeemed Interest	23,385.28
Current User Charge Penalty	2,089.00

TOTAL TAX COLLECTOR		\$ 1,476,206.42
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OTHER INCOME SOURCES

N. L. Trust - Checking Interest	\$ 1,297.37
Bank of NH - Cruiser Loan	18,200.00
Police Trust Fund - Cruiser	18,200.00
Cemetery Trust Fund	1,400.00
Bridge Repair Trust Fund	715.50
Highway Block Grant	105,727.68
Shared Revenues	20,346.18
Flood Disaster Relief	1,511.00
Rooms/Meals Tax Distribution	9,948.00
Sale of Municipal Property	20,855.67
Tax Collector Fees	4,278.20
Donations To Summer Rec Program	1,280.00
Planning Board Fees	90.00
Police Department Fees	30.00
Transfer Department Fees	1,163.00
Other Miscellaneous Income	1,600.09

TOTAL OTHER INCOME		\$ 206,642.69
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TOTAL INCOME		\$ 1,776,399.01
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BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1997		\$ 248,417.59
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 1,682,380.19
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ENDING BALANCE 12/31/97		\$ 342,436.41
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TOWN CLERK’S REPORT FOR 1997
January 1 through December 31, 1997

1,382	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	\$ 87,619.00
205	Motor Vehicle Title Fees	390.00
793	Municipal Agent Fees	2,205.00
235	Dog License Fees	1,514.50
35	Dog License Late Fees	83.00
13	Filing Fees	13.00
24	Vital Statistics	515.00
43	UCCs	763.00
1	Federal Tax Lien	15.00
44	Miscellaneous Income	432.40
2,775	Total Fees Collected for 1/1/97 – 12/31/97	\$ 93,549.90

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge.

Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk

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It seemed that there was always plenty to do during 1997, and when reviewing the figures the reason becomes apparent. The volume of income was up by 20% while the number of transactions increased by 40%. About 15% of that 40% was a result of the Municipal Agent work—otherwise known as the State portion of your motor vehicle registrations. During 1997, automobile **transfers** were provided for your convenience in addition to renewals, and in January 1998, passenger, motor-cycle and trailer **plates**.

The training sessions and annual conferences are invaluable learning experiences which I truly appreciate being able to attend. It is an opportunity to bring back ideas which in turn benefit the town. 1997’s Town Clerk and Tax Collectors conferences were combined into one as they are every five years. Again this year, costs were kept much lower than anticipated by sharing accommodations with the Hill Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Groton Town Clerk and Tax Collector and her Deputy.

The new computer is working well for the Motor Vehicle program, and I’m still learning. The Selectmen’s Secretary and I will be attending training scheduled for February in order to implement the tax program upgrade and networking.

For the coming year, the State Vital Statistics has asked clerks to volunteer to enter data from 1980-1989 onto their system, which I have agreed to do for Danbury. The Vitals are now on-line via modem to Concord, and **future** improvements are planned so that data will be available via any town which is connected as well.

To those who anonymously expressed their thanks in the Messenger, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF TAX ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

1/1/97-12/31/97

Levies of: _____

1997

Prior

Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Year:

Property Taxes		\$ 303,193.00
Resident Taxes		1,870.00
Yield Taxes		1,917.00

Taxes Committed this Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,241,757.00	
Resident Taxes	6,860.00	10.00
Land Use Change Tax	5,339.00	
Yield Taxes	26,048.00	

Overpayments:

Property Taxes	2,355.00	
Yield Taxes	98.00	

Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes:

1,700.00 13,368.00

Collected Resident Tax Penalties

34.00 94.00

TOTAL DEBITS

\$ 1,284,191.00 \$ 320,453.00

Levies of: _____

1997

Prior

Remitted to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:

Property Taxes	\$ 1,000,950.00	\$ 303,208.00
Resident Taxes	4,930.00	970.00
Land Use Change	2,089.00	
Yield Taxes	13,784.00	1,917.00
Interest	1,700.00	13,368.00
Penalties	34.00	94.00

Abatements Made:

Property Taxes	8,091.00	
Resident Taxes	190.00	480.00

Refunds

(193.00)

Uncollected Taxes - End of Year:

Property Taxes	235,265.00	(15.00)
Resident Taxes	1,740.00	430.00
Land Use Change Tax	3,250.00	
Yield Taxes	12,362.00	

TOTAL CREDITS

\$ 1,284,191.00 \$ 320,453.00

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES/TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1997

- Tax Sale/Lien on Account on Levies Of -

	1997	1996	1995	1994
Balance of Unredeemed Liens-Fiscal Year	\$ -0-	\$ 58,430.00	\$ 31,572.00	\$ 1,093.00
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	114,690.00			
Interest & Cost Collected After Lien Execution	7,380.00	8,386.00	8,813.00	77.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 122,070.00	\$ 66,816.00	\$ 40,385.00	\$ 1,170.00
Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:				
Redemptions	\$ 51,313.00	\$ 35,932.00	\$ 28,052.00	
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	6,603.00	7,334.00	10,484.00	
Liens Deeded to Munic. Unredeemed Taxes	1,504.00	1,573.00	1,850.00	239.00
Balance End of Year	62,650.00	21,977.00	-0-	930.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 122,070.00	\$ 66,816.00	\$ 40,385.00	\$ 1,169.00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

EXECUTIVE

James Phelps, Chairman, Selectman	\$ 1,800.00
Steven Gordon, Selectman	1,650.00
James Larkin, Selectman	1,650.00
ATT/NYNEX/Bell Atlantic	982.25
BMSI, Computer Support Contract	893.60
Newfound Computer	35.00
CDBG Account Setup to NL Trust	100.00
Cartographic Assoc., Tax Map Contract	750.00
Kearsarge Shopper, Advertising	96.30
F. M. Piper Printing	55.65
Steve Gordon, Reimb. Printing Exp.	44.83
White Mtn. Publishing, Advertising	25.00
Laconia Citizen, Advertising	34.68
Blazing Star Grange, Community Calendar	25.00
Union Leader, Advertising	133.10
Concord Monitor, Advertising	34.68
Hometown Messenger, Advertising	42.00
NHMA, Annual Dues	500.00
State of NH, Transfer Operator Dues	100.00
NH Assessing Officials Dues	20.00
NH Health Officials Dues	10.00
Quill Corporation, Office Supplies	333.83
Staples, Office Supplies	211.82
Cartographic Assoc., Map Copy	25.00
Town Hall Press, Vouchers	225.79
Philatelic Fulfillment, Envelopes	21.60
Steve Gordon, Reimb. Off. Expenses	25.83
Chris Phelps, Reimb. Off. Expenses	45.14
ADT Services, Office Supplies	94.61
Viking, Office Supplies	72.16
Postmaster, Postage Expenses	689.08
Computers, Etc., Monitor	508.00
Xerox, Copier Lease	1,035.73
NHMA Moderator Workshop	15.00
BMSI, Budgeting Seminar	35.00
Newfound Computer, Windows 95 Seminar	50.00
Christie Phelps, Secretary Wages	9,613.95
Lisa Moran, Moderator Wages	100.00
Piper Printing, Town Report Printing	1,786.50

Total Executive Expenses

\$ 23,781.13

TOWN CLERK

Margaret Barnett, Deputy Town Clerk	\$ 150.00
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk	4,928.02
Sylvia Hill, Town Clerk Fees	2,163.77

NYNEX/ATT/Bell Atlantic	192.02	
Kearsarge Shopper, Advertising	20.30	
Town Clerk Assoc. Dues	20.00	
Comm. To Preserve NH History Dues	10.00	
NHTCA, Binders	38.80	
Quill Corporation, Office Supplies	154.08	
Sylvia Hill, Reimb. Office Supplies	85.81	
Capitol Business Forms	38.92	
Postmaster	74.63	
National Mkt. Books, Value Books	173.00	
Stark & Sons, Dog Tags	136.08	
Mac Durgin Assoc., Typewriter	229.00	
Sylvia Hill, Reimb. Printer Stand	9.00	
Newfound Computer, Windows 95 Sem.	50.00	
State of NH, Records Retention Seminar	60.00	
NHTCA, Annual Conference	202.10	
Total Town Clerk		\$ 8,735.53

ELECTION/VOTER REGISTRATION

Louise Huntoon, Supervisor	\$ 81.00	
Maizie Russell, Supervisor	81.00	
Dorothy McGonnigal, Supervisor	81.00	
Sylvia Hill, Checklist Update	25.00	
Kearsarge Shopper, Advertising	20.30	
Piper Printing, Ballot Printing	63.00	
Sylvia Hill, Reimb. Expenses	5.46	
Leona Russell, Election Clerk	60.00	
Margaret Quinn, Election Clerk	60.00	
Sylvia Hill, Town Election Wages	50.00	
Sylvia Hill, Vital Statistic Wages	20.00	
Total Election/Voter Registration		\$ 546.76

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Sue-Anne Bourbeau, Trustee	\$ 75.00	
David Szacik, Trustee	75.00	
Deborah DeSantis, Trustee	75.00	
Leo Zaccaria, Auditor	150.00	
Arthur Ford, Auditor	150.00	
Margaret Barnett, Dept. Tax Collector	150.00	
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector Wages	5,159.97	
Sylvia Hill, Tax Collector Fees	4,619.00	
ATT/NYNEX/Bell Atlantic	64.93	
Kearsarge Shopper, Advertising	20.30	
NH Tax Collector Dues	15.00	
Quill Corporation, Office Supplies	83.51	
Capitol Business Forms	281.83	
Stark & Sons, Tax Collector Forms	24.26	
Postmaster	1,443.51	

Sylvia Hill, Reimb. Books	10.00	
Tax Collector Workshop	86.50	
Change Fund, Tax Collector	100.00	
Total Financial Administration		\$ 12,583.81
TREASURY		
Christie Phelps, Treasurer	\$ 1,000.00	
Total Treasury		\$ 1,000.00
BUDGETING		
NHMA, Law Lecture Series	\$ 30.00	
Total Budgeting		\$ 30.00
LEGAL FEES		
Michels & Michels	\$ 60.00	
Total Legal Fees		\$ 60.00
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION		
Comp. Funds of NH (Unempl./WC)	\$ 1,609.24	
Employers Contribution of SS/Med.	8,946.46	
Total Personnel Administration		\$ 10,555.70
PLANNING		
Michie Publishing, Books	\$ 38.49	
Lakes Reg. Planning, Books	110.50	
Linda Wilson, Reimb. Expenses	127.79	
NHOSP, Conference Fees	36.00	
NHOSP, Planning Videos	24.00	
Kearsarge Shopper, Advertising	20.30	
Total Planning		\$ 357.08
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS		
Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 1,621.38	
Johnson & Dix	1,791.90	
RP Johnson, Maint. Supplies	351.09	
Gealy Electric	102.04	
Andy & Sons, Plumbing	313.25	
Mango Security	483.52	
Custodial Supplies	135.94	
Total General Government Building		\$ 4,799.12
CEMETERIES		
Robert Ford, Wages & Equipment	\$ 220.27	
Noel Phelps, Wages & Equipment	521.01	
Andy Phelps, Wages & Equipment	433.33	
Kenneth Phelps, Wages & Equipment	230.75	
Joshua Hatch, Wages & Equipment	645.95	
Jeremy Martin, Wages & Equipment	511.75	
Joe Abbondanza, Equipment	75.00	

Dale Cook, Hay	9.00	
RP Johnson, Supplies	152.97	
Total Cemeteries		\$ 2,800.00
INSURANCE		
NHMA, Property Liability Insurance	\$ 12,787.73	
Total Insurance		\$ 12,787.73
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS		
Lakes Region Planning Commission	\$ 796.00	
Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid	2,631.09	
Community Action Program	1,222.00	
Council on Aging	473.00	
NH Human Society	300.00	
Twin Rivers Counseling	50.00	
Total Regional Associations		\$ 5,472.09
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Stephen Corsetti, Wages & Expenses	\$ 16,933.34	
Dale Cook	910.00	
Jean Corsetti	1,592.21	
Christie Phelps	185.25	
George Langwasser, Special Officer	283.00	
Paul Montray, Special Officer	70.00	
Dennis Crawford, Special Officer	70.00	
Robert Bacon, Special Officer	70.00	
Robert Croteau, Special Officer	70.00	
Nancy Saner, Special Officer	90.00	
Norman Daigneault, Patrol Officer	286.00	
Merrimack Sheriff, Cruiser Fees	225.00	
Merrimack County Attorney	500.00	
ATT/NYNEX/Bell Atlantic	2,092.78	
Business Growth Systems, Computer	1,800.00	
Merrimack County Dispatch	3,885.00	
Gary's Auto Repair	759.99	
Route 104 Auto Repair	285.32	
Postmaster, Danbury	8.00	
NH Chief's Association	75.00	
Margate, Computer Package	32.36	
Staples Office Products	26.24	
Danbury General, Misc. Supplies	8.30	
Jean Corsetti, Postage Reimb.	4.25	
Wright Communications	274.44	
Ossipee Mtn. Electronics	148.09	
Irving Oil Corporation, Gasoline	476.37	
Michie Publications, Manuals	147.83	
Perfecta Camera, Film	590.82	
Mobilcom, Pager Rental	137.00	

Neptune, Uniforms, Dept. Supplies	486.95	
NH Corrections, Signs	66.00	
Dyna-Med, Gloves	31.20	
NHPAC, Training Program	75.00	
McLaughlin, Hemeon, Lahey, Legal Fees	400.00	
Piper Printing, Office Forms	238.60	
Total Police Department		\$ 33,331.34
AMBULANCE SERVICE		
Newfound Ambulance Service	\$ 5,070.00	
Total Ambulance Service		\$ 5,070.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 1,069.78	
Johnson & Dix Heating Oil	845.95	
Danbury Volunteer Fire Department	14,000.00	
Irving Oil Corporation, Gasoline	187.92	
Total Fire Department		\$ 16,103.65
FOREST FIRE EXPENSE		
Glen Daniels, Fire Warden	\$ 614.72	
Total Forest Fire Expense		\$ 614.72
STREET LIGHTS		
Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 3,795.94	
Total Street Lights		\$ 3,795.94
SOLID WASTE		
Bert Hillsgrove	\$ 5,685.00	
James Larkin	2,319.00	
NYNEX/Bell Atlantic	332.16	
Public Service of New Hampshire	402.21	
Waste Management Transport Contract	34,614.76	
RP Johnson, Sign Materials	146.40	
NH Correctional, Signs	194.54	
Gobin Disposal, Recycling Contract	2,207.33	
BFI, Recycling Tipping Fees	646.49	
Bert Hillsgrove, Tire Cleanup	52.50	
James Larkin, Tire Cleanup	315.00	
Alan Huntoon, Tire Cleanup	90.00	
Christopher Euerle, Tire Cleanup	912.50	
Casella Tire, Tire Cleanup	2,056.20	
Total Solid Waste		\$ 49,974.09
ANIMAL CONTROL		
Stephen Corsetti	\$ 1,753.51	
Dale Cook	110.00	
Jean Corsetti	70.00	
Total Animal Control		\$ 1,933.51

HEALTH AGENCIES/FAST SQUAD

Lake Sunapee Reg. Visiting Nurse	\$ 2,269.00
LSRVNA, TB Tests	30.00
Moore Medical Supply	2,349.96
CMC Rescue, Supplies	410.11
Survivalink, Defibrillator Parts	477.51
Lifepius, Cylinder Refills	30.00
Newfound Glass, Vehicle Repair	95.00
EMS Course Fees	140.00
Linda Fisher, Recertification Fees	178.00
Tom Austin, Reimb. Seminar Fees	150.00

Total Health/Fast Squad		\$ 6,129.58
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GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Wallace Propane	\$ 68.50
Danbury General, Food	58.34
Adair's Motel	45.00
Public Service of NH	87.29

Total General Assistance		\$ 259.13
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PARKS & RECREATION

Public Service of New Hampshire	\$ 127.30
Diana Schoeller, Summer Program	1,602.12
Jessica Cook, Summer Program	429.32
Kearsarge Shopper, Advertising	20.30
George Issa, Pool Use	150.00
Noel Lopez, Maintenance	180.00
Bristol Community Center	4,430.00
Kearsarge Excavating, Stone Walls	200.00

Total Parks & Recreation		\$ 7,139.04
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LIBRARY

Dorothy McGonnigal	\$ 1,672.50
Gertrude Smart	154.00
Public Service of NH	155.84
Wallace Propane	744.75
Book Appropriation	1,500.00

Total Library		\$ 4,227.09
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PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

H A Holt, Flags, Markers	\$ 85.60
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Total Patriotic Purposes		\$ 85.60
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OLD HOME DAY

Mary Lyn Ray, Old Home Day Comm.	\$ 200.00
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Total Old Home Day		\$ 200.00
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SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAMS

Ed Roche, Senior Citizen Cruise Fees	\$ 350.00
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Total Senior Citizen Programs	\$ 350.00
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LONG-TERM DEBT PAYMENTS

Bank of NH, Loader Principal & Interest	\$ 17,349.16
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New London Trust, Tax Map Prin./Int.	11,238.00
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Total Long-term Debt Payments	\$ 28,587.16
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

H. O. Taylor, Cruiser Purchase	\$ 29,044.24
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Patten Upholstery, Cruiser Outfitting	152.00
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Wright Communications, Cruiser Outfitting	7,645.00
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BMSI, Computer Update Software	1,750.00
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Newfound Computer, Computer Update	3,805.00
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Dartmouth Bookstore, Computer Books	43.40
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Total Capital Outlay	\$ 42,439.64
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PAYMENTS TO SCHOOLS

Newfound School District	\$1,014,576.00
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Total Payments to Schools	\$1,014,576.00
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PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

Merrimack County Treasurer	\$ 95,839.00
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Merrimack County Registry of Deeds	647.26
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Department of Agriculture	514.00
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Total Payments to Other Governments	\$ 97,000.26
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Ricky Moran, Wages & Expenses	\$ 34,705.57
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Other Highway Wages	39,673.27
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Alltex Uniform Service	1,224.75
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Public Service of NH	655.91
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Johnson & Dix	1,071.68
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Dues & Subscriptions	190.95
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JAF Industries, Culverts	2,871.34
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BB Chain	878.00
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N.E. Airgas	369.27
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Cohen Steel	344.16
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NH Municipal Truck, Blades	896.00
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Other Various Suppliers	1,814.18
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Irving Oil Corporation, Gas	6,910.52
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Johnson & Dix, Diesel Fuel	6,910.52
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Workshop Fees	25.00
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Calcium Chloride	1,252.10
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Pike Industries, Blacktop, Cold Patch	2,327.90
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Gravel	7,394.54
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Morton Salt	3,536.91
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Colby Lumber, Tupper Bridge	715.50
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Highway Equipment Rental

Carl Matthews	\$ 1,780.00
Phelps Construction	3,787.00
Blaktop, Inc.	268.75
Ed Benware, Mowing	2,800.00
Ron Moran	400.00
Roger Henderson	287.98
Joe Abbondanza	550.00
Chris Euerle	2,587.50
E. W. Sleeper	250.00
Ricky Moran, Grinder	10.00
NH Bituminous	2,900.00
NH Airgas	57.50
Total Highway Equipment Rental	15,678.73

Highway Equipment Repair

Quirk Tires	\$ 2,262.00
Bristol Auto Parts	2,375.03
N. E. Tire	2,629.23
Donovan Spring	1,475.67
S. G. Reed	3,531.90
Sanel Auto Parts	849.56
E. W. Sleeper	1,743.26
Sabil & Sons	1,954.66
Grappone Industrial	1,319.00
Howard Fairfield	135.26
Liberty Truck Int.	282.33
Wild Horse Welding	300.00
Ossipee Mtn.	436.37
Jordan Equipment	578.08
Various Small Vendors	1,917.97
Total Highway Equipment Repair	21,790.32

Total Highway**\$ 171,101.81****ABATEMENTS, OVERPAYMENTS, REFUNDS****\$ 1,164.47****TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN****\$ 114,690.21**

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE - MBA
RSA 32:18, 19 & 32:21**

Total amount recommended by Budget Committee		\$ 526,177
Less Exclusions:		
Principal, Long-term Bonds and Notes	\$ 39,100	
Interest, Long-term Bonds and Notes	6,351	
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TOTAL EXCLUSIONS		\$ 45,451
Amount Recommended less		
Recommended Exclusion Amounts		\$ 480,726
Line 7 times 10%		\$ 48,073

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We, the auditors of the Town of Danbury, certify that we examined the accounts of the Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Selectmen, Trustees of the Library, and Trust Funds for the fiscal year 1996, and have found the same to be correctly cast and well vouched. At the time of the printing of 1997 Town Report we will be in the process of auditing the 1997 Town Accounts and shall report the same to the State as required.

Leo Zaccaria, Interim Auditor

Arthur Ford

(resigned after 1996 audit)

SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Bank of New Hampshire

Purpose	Principal	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Loader	\$60,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000			
Cruiser	18,200		9,100	9,100				
Fire Truck	75,000		15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands & buildings	\$ 281,000.00
Furniture & equipment	20,000.00
Libraries, lands & buildings	61,000.00
Furniture & equipment	15,000.00
Police Department equipment	61,000.00
Fire Department, lands & buildings	208,000.00
Furniture & equipment	251,000.00
Community Center	350,000.00
Highway Department, lands & buildings	30,000.00
Equipment	323,000.00
Materials & supplies	5,000.00
Lands & buildings acquired through Tax Deeds	
Arthur Bachelder lot	1,200.00
Barney Schlegal lot	17,060.00
Dicey lot	1,200.00
2 Echo Glen lots (\$3,420.00 each)	6,840.00
Ragged Mtn Lots 32 & 33	10,120.00
Bog Bridge lot	5,060.00
Independence Park	31,360.00
Murray Hill lot*	8,900.00
Roller House lot	1,000.00
Reynolds lot, Route 4	1,000.00
Meadow Brook Lane, 2 lots*	6,860.00
Clarence Williams lot 1-A School Pond	5,000.00
Smith River lot - 100' by High St. Bridge	1,000.00
School Pond - North End 1.28 acres	2,000.00
S. Danbury lot (Paight)*	5,060.00
Lawrence Shaw Property*	17,185.00
TOTAL	\$1,725,845.00

* These lost were sold in early 1998 by sealed bid.

DANBURY PLANNING BOARD

1997 Report

The Danbury Planning Board thanks everyone who has taken time to attend our meetings and hearings, and to share thoughts and ideas with us, both in person and by sending us letters and clippings. All of our activities are open to the public, and everyone is invited to attend. Notices and agendas are posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office and the stores.

The Danbury Planning Board met twenty-three times in 1997. The board approved an excavation application, a lot line adjustment, and two subdivisions (each creating two lots) that involved 124 acres in all. The board determined that it did not have jurisdiction over another land-use question which had been referred to it. The board participated in five "preliminary conceptual consultations" with property owners, providing technical assistance to familiarize them with the Danbury subdivision requirements. The Andover Planning Board consulted with the Danbury Planning Board about a proposed annexation involving conservation land in both Andover and Danbury, and it was agreed that there was nothing in the Danbury regulations to prevent it.

The Planning Board continued work on the capital improvements program. It revised the excavation regulations and adopted them after a public hearing. At the board's July meeting, Dr. Mark Okrant of Plymouth State College gave a presentation on recreation and tourism and their impact on town planning. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC), the NH Municipal Association, the NH Office of State Planning, and many other state agencies and organizations provided much-appreciated technical advice and assistance throughout the year.

Phyllis J. Taylor again served as a Commissioner of the Lakes Region Planning Commission, and was joined by Mary Lyn Ray as Danbury's other Commissioner. Phyllis was re-elected as Treasurer of the LRPC, and continued to serve on the LRPC Board of Directors and the Commission's Transportation Committee. As in previous years, she donated her mileage and travel expenses, for the benefit of the Planning Board and the town. In March, Mary Lyn was elected a Planning Board member as a write-in candidate, but was unable to serve because of other responsibilities. Architect Calvin Optiz was appointed in her place, but resigned as a result of relocation. We welcomed Craig Campbell as a new alternate member. Secretary Albert Hopkins generously volunteered significant and time-consuming civic service to fill the vacant clerk position.

During the year, Planning Board members attended fourteen different planning, land-use and community economic development workshops sponsored by the Lakes Region Planning Commission, the NH Municipal Association, the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development, the NH Office of State Planning, the NH Wildlife Federation, and others. A Danbury board members was a panelist at one of the statewide meetings and organized sessions for another. Along with many others, Planning Board members spoke

at the NH Public Utilities Commission hearing in June on expanding the local telephone calling area. The Planning Board's proposals for a study of alternate access to Ragged Mountain Ski Area from Route 104 (to relieve congestion on Ragged Mountain Road), and a safety design study for the "Town Common" intersection of Routes 4 and 104, North Road and High Street, were included in the Lakes Region Transportation Plan. Being in the plan is a first step toward eventual funding through the NH Department of Transportation.

As noted in our previous reports, one of the responsibilities of the Planning Board is to highlight the bonds that draw us together as a community, so we can construct a shared vision for building a better future. Danbury's effort to become the Daffodil Capital of New Hampshire received even more publicity in 1997: special color coverage in *Birds and Blooms* magazine, and the Danbury Elementary School's daffodil project was featured in front page stories in both the *Concord Monitor* and the *Manchester Union Leader*. National recognition for the Blazing Star Grange was reported by the *Concord Monitor* in an article read at Town Meeting.

In June, the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen held a Community Land-use Forum at the Town Hall, to continue the conversation begun at the September 1996 forum. Together, we considered the consequences of growth and change, and what the town might do to insure that Danbury people can work together to plan and accomplish the future we want for our town. As at the first forum, there was broad agreement that "we as a town need to take charge of our future, because if we don't, outside forces will." Inappropriate or poorly planned development—whether within our town or adjacent to it—could have disastrous consequences for our tax rate, our environment, and our quality of life. It was also noted that residential, commercial and even industrial development have both direct and hidden costs, but open land does not cost the town for services or for school taxes. What kind of balance is best for us? We talked about why we live here, what we like about Danbury, and what we want for the future.

Participants at the June forum directed the Planning Board to prepare a land-use ordinance to guide growth and reconcile it with Danbury's desires, needs and resources. As a result, the proposed Danbury ordinance states plainly, "We value the town's beauty and spaciousness, and cherish our Yankee independence, and seek to work out conflicts between those two values. We desire to plan a livable and sustainable community that meets both the needs and responsibilities of the town, and to build our town's future according to a shared vision that balances public needs and individual freedoms." The Planning Board members know that the proposed ordinance looks like a lot of words and paper, but we have tried to pare it down to the minimum that is legally acceptable. (Think of a vehicle: it might cost less without tires or a gas tank, but it wouldn't go very far.)

The ordinance is directed to *future* changes and *future* uses and *future* development. Everything that is existing when the ordinance is passed is grandfathered and can continue unchanged. We want to thank all the many

people who have contributed to the process of preparing the ordinance, and their efforts to create land-use standards that are fair and balanced. The proposed ordinance identifies what Danbury people have said is important, and what should continue and remain as the town grows and changes. It also informs developers that Danbury people care deeply about the town, and expect new development to respect the values that make Danbury special. We hope you will agree, and will vote for adoption of the proposed land-use ordinance when you mark your ballot on Tuesday, March 10.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Ray Wilson, Chair
Danbury Planning Board

DANBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT 1997 Annual Report

As I promised in the 1996 Annual Report, the Danbury Police Department is continuing to increase our available resources, both in equipment and personnel. The 1998 Tahoe cruiser and the hiring of Officer Norman Daigneault have proved worthwhile and productive additions to our department. With the addition of Chrissie Phelps as a full-time administrative assistant to the Selectmen, shared by the Police Department, we will have full-time office coverage during the day, and possibly daytime dispatch coverage may save us money and provide greater efficiency administratively.

The continuing expansion of the Recreational Facility on Ragged Mountain has required additional patrol hours and, on occasion, has taxed our resources to the maximum. Continued progressive growth of your Police Department within our community's limited fiscal resources is a challenge to us all; however, by maintaining state-of-the-art equipment and human resources of the caliber of Dale, Jean, Norm and Chrissie, we can meet the challenges of our community's growth and needs.

Stephen J. Corsetti, Chief
Danbury Police Department

DANBURY RECREATION COMMITTEE

1998—The Year of the Ball Field

We have put off completion of the ball field far too long. Flooding, vandalism to other areas of the park and a lack of funds have held us up. We are committed to making the field playable for team games this year, in spite of all odds.

Last year we spent \$179.95 and we raised through fund-raising \$123.00 on the Winter Carnival, \$42.80 from cookbook sales, \$730.00 from can recycling, and \$32.73 in interest, giving us a balance of \$3,913.13.

Ruby Hill learned of a grant opportunity from Franklin Savings Bank. She spent a considerable amount of time and effort writing a grant for us, and we recently received a \$2,000.00 award which will be used toward the ball field. Thank you, Ruby!

We also received \$2,500.00 two years ago from an anonymous donor to be used for recreational activities. Of that amount, we still have a balance of \$1,800.00, so all told we have \$7,713.13 available to put toward building the ball field.

Final estimates are not all in at the writing of this report, but we still are \$1,500–2,000 short of what we will need to put up a backstop, dugouts, fencing, grassing the outfield, and laying the infield dust this year. To date, no tax money has been given to support the building of the ball field. We need a lot of volunteers for this project. If you can help, please come and let us know. The Rec. Dept. meets on the second Thursday of every month. You can find out where the meetings will be held by calling the Town Hall.

The Ski Program was a big success last year. Thank you, Karen Padgett.

New to us this year was the Summer Recreation Program. It ran for six weeks, six hours a day. At first, the numbers were few, but by the end, word had spread and on an average day there were twenty young people attending the program. They learned, played and grew together under the energetic direction of Diana Schoeller and her eager assistant, Jessica Cook. We want to thank George Issa for opening his pool to us every week. We also wish to thank everyone who supported this idea of Steve Gordon's, and made it happen.

Dale James Cook
Rec. Committee President

DANBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Commissioners' & Chief's Report

Ever since the voters at the 1997 Town Meeting authorized the purchase of a new fire truck we have been looking forward to the time it would be in our barn. Barring any unforeseen problems we should have the new truck by mid-spring 1998.

During 1997 the fire fighters responded to 115 calls as follows:

Fire Calls	22	Service Calls	11
Medical Aid	73	Motor Vehicle	9

The Town appropriation was used to defray the cost of the following:

- Gas monitor
- 4 pagers
- Scott units
- Clothing
- Hose
- Maintenance of equipment
- Training

We have purchased a gas monitor programmed to detect carbon monoxide. If you suspect a problem is being caused by this gas, contact a member of the department and someone will respond to determine the source so that you can have it corrected.

We need several dedicated individuals to add to our ranks. Anyone 18 years of age or older who is interested should contact the chief or any other officer of the Fire Department.

TO REPORT A FIRE OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY CALL 911

- Lloyd A. West, Commissioner
- Robert B. Ford, Commissioner
- Phyllis M. Wiggin, Commissioner
- Merton E. Austin, Chief

GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY REPORT

Hours 12-4 P.M. Saturday year-round

Librarian: Dorothy McGonnigal

Additional Summer Hours – From April to November – 6-8 P.M.

Circulation for 1997 was 3,153 (adult: 2112, children: 1041).

Thank you to Jessica Cook for all the work done in helping the librarian catalog books—all of the older volumes that were the beginning of the Library, plus many others that needed to be reviewed. Also, thanks to Andy Phelps and family for keeping the walks shoveled and sanded and making sure that the grounds looked neat. Last but not least, thanks to all who donated books and materials.

1997 GEORGE GAMBLE LIBRARY Report of Library Income

Library Income

Jan. 1, 1997 Balance	\$ 1,386.44
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Town Appropriation	\$ 1,500.00
1996 Interest from Trust Funds	109.64
1997 Interest from Trust Funds	112.64
Interest on Checking Account	9.41
Miscellaneous Income	<u>26.52</u>

1997 Total Funds	<u>\$ 3,144.65</u>
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Library Expenses 1997

Books	\$ 1,497.29
Maintenance (Mowing, etc.)	50.00
Misc. (Cleaning Supplies, etc.)	<u>610.49</u>

1997 Total Expenses	\$ 2,157.78
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December 31, 1997 Balance On Hand	<u>\$ 986.87</u>
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Trustees of the George Gamble Library
Jean Hayes, Chairperson
Mary Quinn, Treasurer
Phyllis Wiggin, Secretary

**LAKE SUNAPEE HEALTH CARE REPORT
VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION**

Services provided to the people of Danbury:

- Home health care for those recovering from an illness or injury 1,146 visits to 15 patients.
- Community clinics for adults for immunizations and other wellness programs 40 patients served.
- Long-term care for chronically ill adults and children needing support services 221 hours of service to 4 patients.
- Maternal and child health for children and families needing newborn care, well child clinic and parenting support 17 families served.

Lake Sunapee Region VNA is proud of its tradition of providing quality home health care to people in your community. 1997 has been a year of change for home health care. Medicare reports of fraud and abuse leave us wondering how we as consumers can know whether we're dealing with a quality organization. We are served by a volunteer Board of Trustees who, with staff, continually monitor our performance internally. Externally, licensing, certifying and accrediting bodies assess our performance against state and federal standards regularly. Most of all, we have committed, competent and caring staff and volunteers out in the community each day of the year providing needed home care.

Our affiliation with New London Hospital and Capital Region Health Care has allowed us to care for patients and families more efficiently and to access opportunities for achieving cost savings as part of a larger delivery system.

Six VNA employees and many volunteers live in Danbury. As the health care delivery system and insurance benefits continue to evolve and change, we are more dependent than ever on the loyal support of the towns we serve to enable us to provide free and subsidized care to those people who might not have access to care otherwise. Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea F. Steel, President and CEO

**BELKNAP-MERRIMACK
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM
1997 SUMMARY OF SERVICES**

Service Description	Units of Service	Households/Persons	Total Value
COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM	Packages - 202	Persons - 17	\$ 4,486.42
CONGREGATE MEALS	Meals - 446	Persons - 56	\$ 2,671.54
EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRIES	Meals - 114	Persons - 19	\$ 342.00
FUEL ASSISTANCE	Applications - 31	Persons - 58	\$14,134.93
MEALS-ON-WHEELS	Meals - 1327	Persons - 6	\$ 8,360.10
FAMILY PLANNING	Visits - 18	Persons - 10	\$ 1,098.00
WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN	Vouchers - 221	Persons - 19	\$ 8,508.50
GRAND TOTAL:			\$39,601.49

USDA SURPLUS COMMODITY FOODS are now distributed directly to local food pantries and soup kitchens on a quarterly basis.

Information and Referral: CAP provides utility, landlord/tenant, legal and health counseling as well as referrals for housing, transportation and other life concerns. These support/advocacy services are not tracked.

BRISTOL COMMUNITY CENTER 1997 REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DANBURY

The Bristol Community Center has seen many changes during 1997. A new Director and Assistant Director, new handicap accessible bathroom and new kitchen appliances are among a few of them.

Leslie Dion was named the new Director of Recreation at the BCC in January of 1997. Dan MacLean was hired as the Assistant Director and began full time in June upon graduation from UNH. Dan has worked in the BCC Summer Program for 8 years and brings his enthusiasm and recreational expertise to our program.

We owe Freudenberg NOK a huge thank you for our new kitchen appliances. Through their generosity the BCC's kitchen has two new stoves, a refrigerator, washer and dryer and a fresh coat of paint. Those who have worked during our annual Apple Festival or on dinners will share in our gratitude to Freudenberg NOK.

Danbury residents participated in many programs offered during 1997. They included Aerobics, Archery, Baseball, Basketball, Dances, Teen Open House, Karate, Open House, Senior League Baseball & Softball, Umpire Clinics, Badminton, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Tot Time, SHARE, Swimming Lessons, Arts in Motion, Volleyball, Art Classes, Adult Basketball, Summer Camps, Ghost Walk, Easter Egg Hunt, Father & Daughter Valentines Dance, Haunted Hike, Soccer, Gymnastics, Hang Time Hoop Camp, TOPS, Tai Chi, Craft Classes and Celtics and Red Sox trips.

A new program offered this year was the Kindergarten Basketball program for children ages 5 or in Kindergarten. It is a fun and instructional program and was well attended in its first year. Another new program this year is Beginner Gymnastics for ages 3 & up. We have purchased a balance beam and mats and offered six classes per week. Our hope is to add a piece of equipment each year.

We want to thank the Newfound Area School District for their continued support of the BCC and its programs. Many of our programs and practices are scheduled outside of the BCC in the local schools. We appreciate their understanding of the importance of recreation to the Newfound Community and their willingness to open up the buildings for us. Our Basketball program has grown to 240 participants, which is double what it was in 1993. We would never be able to accommodate these numbers without the additional use of the schools.

Our Summer Camp program has also grown over the past few years. We serve over 100 children each week at our Summer Camp. The program is offered for children grades 1-8 and we are forced to turn many away as the sessions fill so quickly. Some of the places visited by the camps are Mount Washington, Whales Tale, Clark's Trained Bears, Wallis Sands State Beach, Canoe Camping on the Saco River, Camping on Belle Island, Canobie Lake Park and the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium. We thank the Bristol Rotary Club

for providing \$1,400 in scholarships for children wishing to attend camp with financial hardships. We encourage people to register early so they do not miss out on this great summer activity.

We thank all Danbury residents who participated in our programs, supported our fund-raisers, volunteered in our youth sports leagues, or worked on our many special events. Santa's Village saw over 1,200 people this year and we appreciate the many Danbury residents that volunteered, donated money, baked cookies, let us borrow their elves and attended this special area tradition. A special thanks to RP Williams for their generous support of this event.

As the BCC ends its 51st year we are grateful for the wonderful Newfound Community in which we live and work.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Dion
Director of Recreation

DANBURY SENIOR CITIZENS' GROUP

The Senior Citizens' Group enjoyed their Mount Washington boat trip in June, and extend an invitation to any senior in town to join them in this and all other activities. The boat trip is free to all seniors of Danbury, paid for with the town appropriation, with the balance paid by the Andover Lions Club.

The "other activities" this year included the C.A.P. third Thursday lunches at the Grange Hall (sometimes with Bingo afterward), C.O.A. and Three Mountain Senior lunches and entertainment in New London, and a walking program this winter under the auspices of C.O.A. and Proctor Academy at the Field House on Proctor grounds.

The contact people for these programs are:

- Boat Trip Ed Roche, Lena Hunt
- C.O.A. Activities Nancy Buebendorf
- Danbury Senior Lunch Dot Heath, Dot McGonnigal

If you have any idea for any other programs or fun outings, bring them to our attention, please. We make plans for our annual trip at the May luncheon meeting each year.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

1997 Summary of Services

Below is a sample of the services provided by the LRPC as a benefit to the community.

- Provided Danbury Planning Board with copies of earth excavation regulations.
- Assisted the town in ordering copies of the 1997 NH Edition Planning and Land Use Regulations books at a considerable savings.
- Provide the DPB with a computer disk of a "Bare-Bones" Zoning Ordinance along with a paper copy.
- Furnished DPB with a sample questionnaire regarding a town-wide survey.
- Co-hosted and organized three public Municipal Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning and other municipal issues.
- Presented a public workshop for local land use boards and the public on the application of biosolids.
- Convened a public workshop on conservation open-space zoning for planning board members and others interested in conserving the amount of open space in their communities.
- Completed and distributed an update of Lakes Region Transportation Plan.
- Completed and approved the 1997 Lakes Region Transportation Improvement Plan which prioritized local transportation project. Submitted same to NHDOT for consideration in the State Transportation Improvement Plan, as required under State Statute.
- Represented the region on the NH Heritage Trail Advisory Committee.
- Continued to update the digital regional land use map using geographic information system technology.
- Provided support and helped shape area economic development policy as a board member of the Belknap County Economic Development Council. Received funding to support regional economic development from the NH Community Development Finance Authority.
- Continued to monitor progress by the State that would lead to the opening of the Governor's State Park along Lake Winnisquam as a member of the Governor's State Park Advisory Committee.
- Served as the Lakes Region's data clearinghouse for US Census, demographic and statistical data. These data are available to community officials and the public.
- Retained regional interest in locating a state sponsored conference facility in Lakes Region.

- Provided support to U.S. Americorps staff working with local landowners on issues related to water quality and land management.
- Staffed the Pemigewasset River Advisory Committee.
- Completed a report comparing single-day household hazardous waste collections with permanent HHW collection facilities.
- Established subareas of the Lakes Region as forums to discuss regional planning issues.
- Initiated a planning process for the development of applications to the State Transportation Enhancement Program.
- Developed an informational brochure on Access Management techniques that municipalities can use to improve vehicle movement and safety along our roadways.

KEARSARGE AREA COUNCIL ON AGING, INC.

The Kearsarge Area Council on Aging, Inc., a nonprofit organization, was founded in July 1992. We serve people fifty-five years of age and older in nine area towns: Andover, Danbury, Grafton, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Sutton and Wilmot. We promote, develop and reinforce programs which support and enhance the health, well- being, dignity and independence of senior adults.

Our basic services continue to grow. 1997 shows increases in volunteer provided rides, assistance with small home repairs, supportive daily phone contact with the homebound, friendly visits with seniors in their homes, intergenerational assistance with reading programs in local schools, referral to appropriate resources to answer the needs of our clients. Our monthly newsletter reports these and other services to keep our members informed.

Social, educational and recreational gatherings included our annual Valentine Luncheon, Mountain Day, The Shaker Experience and the Christmas Reception. Granite State Stories discussions were held at the Tracy Library in New London led by Dr. Patrick Anderson of Colby Sawyer funded by NH Humanities Council. Conversations with lunch coordinated with Community Action Program were held monthly and highlighted by the annual picnic held at Muster Field Farm in Sutton. A new program, "Outdoor Recreation for Seniors," featured biking, kayaking, hiking, an overnight at Camp Coniston and many more activities. "Walk Your Way Through Winter" resulted in sixty members walking over 2000 miles in a five month period.

Our move to 12 Newport Road, New London in December 1996 brought the opportunity to expand our services and activities for our membership and made 1997 a banner year for COA. Our monthly newsletter carried a Calendar of Events to keep members informed of these expanded services. 1997 activities in our Program Center included Exercise Classes, Bridge Lessons, Quilting for Babies at Risk, Paint with Peers, Friday at the Movies, Dominoes, Library, Blood Pressure Screening, Flu Shots, Tax Assistance, Art Show & Reception with members' works displayed, Let's Talk Program; a series of discussions concerning nutritional, emotional, financial and social matters was conducted in the center. In a major undertaking 140 members have received training on the Introduction to Computer courses.

Financial support from Danbury and other area towns account for approximately 20% of our required funds. We are asking that \$475.00 be included as an item in the Danbury Town Budget for 1998 to sustain our growth of services, programs and activities for senior adults.

We are deeply grateful to Danbury and other area towns along with donors to our fund drive, foundation grants, advertisers in our newsletter and individual clients for past and future financial assistance.

Our very special thank you to those dedicated volunteers who give so selflessly of their time and talents. Without them there is no COA.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Bradley
Chairman of the Board

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

UNH Cooperative Extension provides Merrimack County residents with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families, and communities, sustain natural resources, forests, wildlife and agriculture, and improve the economy.

As your local link to the University of New Hampshire, Cooperative Extension provides practical education to people of all ages.

Because of our partnership with Merrimack County, the State of New Hampshire and the Federal Government, we go by the special name of UNH Cooperative Extension. In every Merrimack County community, this partnership is at work, increasing economic development, enhancing the environment and developing human potential.

Extension educators provide informal educational programs in the areas of Natural Resources and Family, Community and Youth, advised and assisted by a local advisory council.

Merrimack County residents also benefit from statewide Extension programming. Among these many local and state efforts are monitoring water quality in our lakes and rivers, reducing the use of pesticides, parenting programs, 4-H and youth development programs, land use management, food safety, forest stewardship, family finances, meeting the needs of low income families, strengthening our communities, developing a strong volunteer base and providing research-based information to citizens.

A major statewide Extension initiative, Strengthening New Hampshire Communities, has impacted Merrimack County. County staff have worked with many of the communities in a variety of ways. The Community Profile was held in two communities in the past year. This community event works through a process to help community members create a vision about what they want their community to be like and then works through a process that helps form action groups to reach their goals. Follow-up support is available from UNH Cooperative Extension staff.

Other community efforts include after school programs, teen assessment projects, land use management planning, wellness teams, town office visits, Master Gardeners, working with schools on maintenance of landscaped areas, and providing updated Extension publication notebooks to all town libraries.

The staff in Merrimack County includes nine Extension educators, two state specialists and three support staff. Educators reach approximately 1.5 out of every four families in the county.

Visit our new office, located next to the Merrimack County Nursing Home at 315 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen. We're open Monday-Friday, 8 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Or call us at 225-5505 and 796-2151 or find us on the Web at [HTTP://CEINFO.UNH.EDU](http://CEINFO.UNH.EDU).

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages Registered in the Town of Danbury for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date of Marriage	Name of Bride	Residence of Bride	Name of Groom	Residence of Groom
April 4	Janice Lee O'Connor	Danbury, NH	Michael Edward Maine	Danbury, NH
May 10	Kathy Ann Barton	Danbury, NH	Bret Smart O'Connor	Danbury, NH
July 4	Ann Marie Brooks	Danbury, NH	William Joseph Heath	Danbury, NH
September 13	Heidi Lyn Minard	Danbury, NH	Jeremy Alan Hill	Danbury, NH
September 29	Marlene Anna Gauthier	Danbury, NH	Brian Keith Adair	Danbury, NH
October 4	Carolyn Elaine Dugan	Danbury, NH	Scott Patrick O'Brien	Nashua, NH
October 26	Virginia Susan Christmas	Danbury, NH	Alan Howard Edwards	Danbury, NH

Births Registered for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Sex	Name of Child	Name and Birthplace of Father	Maiden Name and Birthplace of Mother
January 24	Franklin	F	Stefanie Lee-Ann Schechter	Scott Elias Schechter-NY	Brenda Holobowicz-NY
February 21	Laconia	F	Emily Babbitt	Paul Ernest Babbitt-NH	Cynthia Cummings-NH
May 24	Concord	M	Benjamin Thatcher Wirth	Roy Waldemar Wirth Jr.-CT	Barbara Ann Greco-MA
September 5	New London	F	Sharleigh Kay Thomson	Thomas John Thomson-MA	Dawn Ellen Connolly-NH
September 15	Concord	F	Madison Corine Kenton	James Patrick Kenton-MA	Maryellen Tiedemann-NH
October 6	Franklin	F	Elena Grace Colby	Douglas Charles Colby Jr.-NH	Tanja Faust-Germany
November 16	Lebanon	F	Rachel Anne Ingham	Douglas Hatfield Ingham-NJ	Linda Jane Hemphill-NH
December 26	New London	F	Reanna Marguerite Conkey	Art Clarence Conkey Jr.-NH	Betty Jane Dunlap-NH

Deaths Registered for the Year Ending December 31, 1997

Date of Death	Place of Death	Sex	Name of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
February 18	Danbury	M	Frank Joseph Clews Jr.	Frank Clews	Elizabeth Veronica Marx
May 23	Danbury	M	Charles LaForest Hayes Jr.	Charles LaForest Hayes Sr.	Mary O'Reilly
November 9	Hanover	M	Fred Smart	Alvin Smart	Ida J. Bougie

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